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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this guide is to help computer network users get over the hurdle of new technologies. Every Internet user is different, but most network activities depend on the mastery of three basic skills: using electronic mail (e-mail) to communicate with other Internet users; logging in to remote computers with a service called Telnet, and obtaining online documents, software, and other materials via File Transfer Protocol (FTP). These skills are given as an orientation in the beginning of the book; the rest of this book is devoted to explaining how to use these skills while exploring the Internet. The topics included are: Internet overview; e-mail; e-mail servers; e-mail etiquette; e-mail gateways; telnet; FTP; file archives and compression; Usenet; LISTSERV; mailing lists; electronic journals, newsletters, and books; online public access catalogs (OPACs); databases and bibliographies; Archie; Gopher and Veronica; Wide Area Information Server (WAIS); Campus Wide Information Systems (CWIS); World Wide Web; directory services; using the Internet in K-12 schools; and supercomputers. Six appendices cover learning more about the Internet, connecting to the Internet, setting up a CWIS, NorthWestNet network operations, NorthWestNet acceptable use policies, and NSFNET backbone services acceptable use policy. A glossary and an index are included. (JLB)

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